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- 1. WE ARE CONCERNED AT HOW THE GREEK GOVERNMENT AND PUBLIC MIGHT REACT TO NEWS THAT THE SENIOR US NAVAL OFFICER WAS TRAVELING TO THE AREA, BUT VISITING ONLY ONE DISPUTANT IN THE CURRENT AEGEAN FLAP. IT WOULD COMPLICATE GREATLY AN ALREADY DIFFICULT AND SENSITIVE SITUATION, EVEN IF HE WERE TO VISIT THE OTHER LATER.
- 2. AT A MINIMUM, WE BELIEVE THE GOG SHOULD BE INFORMED OF THE CNO TRIP TO TURKEY AND YUGOSLAVIA BEFORE IT BECOMES PUBLIC KNOWLEDGE. WE WOULD RECOMMEND, HOWEVER, THAT, IF HE DECIDES TO VISIT THIS AREA, WE BE AUTHORIZED TO OFFER TO THE GOG AT AT HIGH LEVEL THE OPPORTUNITY TO INVITE HIM TO VISIT GREECE ON THE SAME TRIP. KUBISCH

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